

“DID YOU KNOW” FUN FACTS



Following are some interesting tidbits in the annals of American heritage, history and culture. Can you correctly answer ten or more of these questions? If so, you qualify as an American Culturst! No matter how well you perform, American Pathway 2000 Itineraries deliver experiences that will answer these questions and more, allowing you to discover some of America's greatest hidden treasures.

“DID YOU KNOW” QUESTIONS

1. In the plantation fields of the South, a lead worker would chant the opening lines, and the chorus of workers would answer, falling into a regular pattern to match the task at hand. This ancient African call and response chant is the core of what American music form?
2. In what American city did the phrase “Shang-hai’ed”originate?
3. When someone says, “Lord willing and the creeks don’t rise,” to what bodies of water are they referring?
4. Where is the world’s largest carousel located?
5. The John Wayne movie based on the Harold Bell Wright novel, *The Shepherd of the Hills*, is about life in what rural American region?
6. Benjamin Banneker, an African-American, helped to design the nation’s capital, a city where four bridges are named after famous African-Americans. Name these four bridges: (1) the Frederick Douglass Bridge, (2) the Martin Luther King Bridge, (3) the Duke Ellington Bridge, (4) the Charles Drew Bridge, (5) the Benjamin Banneker Bridge, and/or (6) the Whitney M. Young Bridge.
7. What famous gun-slinging western marshal grew up as an ordinary farm boy in the Dutch settlement of Pella, Iowa? (1) Wild Bill Hickok, (2) Will Smith, (3) Wyatt Earp, or (4) Bat Masterson
8. Many people associate Abraham Lincoln with his tall stove pipe hat. Do you know how, other than for purposes of fashion and warmth, he utilized his hat?

9. How did quilts play a part in the Underground Railroad?
10. Who was known as “Black Moses”? (1) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., (2) Rosa Parks, (3) W.E.B. Du Bois, or (4) Harriet Tubman
11. What was the name of the Indian woman who carried her baby across the Louisiana Purchase territory while serving as Lewis and Clark’s guide and interpreter? (1) Pocahontas, (2) Sakakawea, or (3) Maria Tallchief
12. (a) Who was the legendary Georgia rocker who fired Jimi Hendrix because he was always late to gigs? (b) Where can you find a vintage 1953 Les Paul Guitar? (c) Where will you find Muddy Water’s cousin?
13. What did television journalist Charles Kuralt describe as the most beautiful drive in America?

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“DID YOU KNOW” ANSWERS

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1. The Blues. The African American musical talent was so rich in Memphis, TN, that from the 1920's on, nearly every major record label in the country made regular trips to the Bluff City to discover and record, or attract Memphis artists to record in their northern studios. It is hard to find a Chicago Blues man without Memphis roots. **American Pathways Itinerary: *Music of the Rivers and Mountains***
2. Portland, Oregon. The phrase was derived from the tunnels underneath the city where unscrupulous ship captains prowled the taverns for unconscious patrons, then carried them through the tunnels to waiting ships. The victim would wake up en route to Asia for forced service aboard the ship. **American Pathways Itinerary: *The Asian American Experience in Oregon***
3. None. It was a colloquialism heard in the South, especially Alabama, referring to The Creek Nation in the 1800's. **American Pathways Itinerary: *Oklahoma, Indian Territory***
4. On the grounds of the Frank Lloyd Wright designed “House on the Rock” in Wisconsin. Over 269 creatures adorn the fantastic merry-go-round, and not one of them is a horse. A vast collection of horse figures decorates the walls of the carousel exhibit area. **American Pathways Itinerary: *House on the Rock***
5. The Ozarks. This is the home of Branson, where more live entertainment theaters are located than anywhere else in the United States. **American Pathways Itinerary: *Branson Ozarks Showcase***
6. The Frederick Douglass Bridge, the Whitney M. Young Bridge, the Duke Ellington Bridge, and the Charles Drew Bridge all serve as back drops to this “city of monuments.” **American Pathways Itinerary: *African American Heritage Tour Anacostia, Different Voices....Different Views***
7. Wyatt Earp. In Pella, Iowa, the story of the Dutch settlers is revealed during the city’s annual tulip festival through its architecture, antiques, historical exhibits, native costumes, music and street scrubbing ceremony. **American Pathways Itinerary: *Pella Tulip Festival***
8. President Lincoln frequently used the inside of his hat to file papers. He even

apologized one time for losing a letter, when he set aside the old hat in favor of a new one he had just bought. On another occasion, a lady of considerable proportions was said to have sat down on Mr. Lincoln's hat, crushing it. When she rose, he said, "Madame, I could have told you that it wouldn't have fitted." **American Pathways Itinerary: *Secrets and Songs on the Road to Freedom***

9. Quilts were used to signal those traveling on the Underground Railroad that a home was a "safe house." They were hung in the windows or on a fence by the road. The Log Cabin design with a black square in it was the most recognizable quilt. American women have also used quilts, which can be traced back to ancient Egypt, to publicly declare their attitudes on religion, family and politics at a time when no other avenue was available to them. **American Pathways Itinerary: *Patchwork of Tradition, An American Quilt Tour***

10. Harriet Tubman. An escaped slave, Tubman made 19 trips into the South, leading more than 300 slaves to freedom in the North on the Underground Railroad, which operated between 1830 and 1861. Not one of the fugitive slaves that Tubman helped escape was ever caught. During the Civil War, Harriet Tubman served the Union Army as a spy, scout, and hospital nurse. She was never able to receive a pension from the U.S. Government for her service. **American Pathway Itineraries: *The Circle of Hope & Midnight Passage***

11. Sakakawea. When Sakakawea's baby was born in the area now known as North Dakota, she was having a difficult time with labor, being a very young woman having her first child. Meriwether Lewis felt very badly seeing her in pain. He had heard that rattlesnake rattles crushed and stirred into water could speed up delivery. He happened to have some rattlesnake rattles in his pocket and he mixed up a "medicine" for her and within 10 minutes little Baptiste was born! **American Pathways Itinerary: *Lewis and Clark Expedition***

12. (a) Little Richard, (b) at Guhn Guitar in Nashville, (c) most likely in Bell Grove Baptist Church where the Rev. Willie Morgan preaches on Sundays. **American Pathways Itinerary: *American Music Mosaic***

13. Beartooth Highway with its views of alpine plateaus, rugged peaks, glaciers and lakes. This road connects Billings, Montana with Yellowstone Park, the nation's first established national park. **American Pathways Itinerary: *National Parks of the Rockies***